

INFRAPLUS Open Calls - Terms and Conditions

1. Terms:

These Terms and Conditions explain the terms on which you can submit application proposals for free-of-charge access to the INFRAPLUS Service Genetic Validation of Precision Disease Models described above. Kindly read these terms carefully before submitting any content: **by submitting a proposal or participating in a proposal team, you accept these terms, and you agree to abide by them.** If you do not agree to these terms, you may not submit a proposal.

2. General information:

- The EC Horizon Europe funded [INFRAPLUS](#) project (Grant agreement ID: 101131669) supports eligible Users with **free-of-charge access** to selected INFRAPLUS Services via the INFRAPLUS Open Calls.
- The services offered in this open call cover the Genetic Validation of Precision Disease Models as described on the INFRAPLUS Open Call Service webpage.
- Proposals requiring customisation of the standard service provision will be assessed by the Service Provider for technical and financial feasibility.
- For the purposes of these Terms, 'INFRAFRONTIER' refers to the coordination entity managing the Open Call, while 'Service Provider' refers to the individual institution implementing the service.
- Free-of-charge-access is limited to **one service per User**.
- Open call deadline: 23 September 2025.

3. Application for Open Call:

Please use the application buttons provided with each service to apply to this INFRAPLUS Open Call.

- By submitting an application, Users represent and warrant that their research proposal contains only information, which is true, accurate and complete. If INFRAFRONTIER has reasonable reasons to suspect that any information supplied is untrue, inaccurate, out-of-date or incomplete, INFRAFRONTIER reserves the right to suspend or terminate the registration and any access Users may have to services.

- Users warrant that all research activities are conducted in accordance with the generally accepted rules for good scientific practice. Research should be conducted to the highest levels of integrity, including appropriate research design and frameworks, to ensure that findings are robust and defensible. Users should also adhere to the highest level of research ethics, in line with requirements set out by national and international regulatory bodies, professional and regulatory research guidance and research ethics frameworks issued in appropriate areas.
- By submitting an application, Users grant to INFRAFRONTIER and the Service Provider a revocable and non-exclusive licence to reproduce, modify, prepare derivative works of and otherwise use and disclose the content for the purposes of evaluating the research proposal and assessing the feasibility of conducting the proposed research at the requested facility. In addition, Users grant to INFRAFRONTIER a perpetual and irrevocable licence to store a copy of the research proposal for its records.
- INFRAFRONTIER will use its reasonable endeavours to keep research applications and proposals confidential and will only disclose research proposals to those third parties for whom it considers access reasonably necessary to perform the evaluation or where required by law.

- 3.1 Eligibility:

User applications to the INFRAPLUS Open Call can be submitted from **non-commercial Users around the world**. Only 20% of the access units will be allocated to users that are not EU-member states or EU-associated states. In order to avoid any conflict of interest, Users who are affiliated with, or employed by, institutions that are **beneficiaries** (including affiliated entities and third parties) **of the INFRAPLUS project are not eligible** to apply under this open call (if in doubt, please contact proposals@infrafrontier.eu).

- 3.2 Selection procedure:

Proposals from eligible Users for free-of-charge access to the INFRAPLUS Open Call Services will be subject to a review procedure. Initially, experts from the Service Provider will assess the technical feasibility of projects. For the proposals qualified as feasible, an external Evaluation Committee will assess service requests for the following criteria:

- Relevance and quality of preliminary data
- Soundness of the proposal
- Validity of the request based on the provided project description in the proposal
- Potential for 3Rs impact

- Scientific impact of the lack of validation on research in the field and for researcher publication quality

Applications for **validation of mice that will be/are deposited in INFRAFRONTIER European Mutant Mouse Archive will be considered favourably** ([EMMA Submission Form](#)).

Users will be informed on the **outcome of the evaluation within 10 weeks after the end of the call**.

Non-selected requests may still be executed at a cost-recovery price upon the User's request.

4. Service provision:

- Upon acceptance the Service Provider will contact the User in order to exchange any additional information needed and schedule the shipment of the material required to initiate the service provision.
- A **final report** will be provided by the Service Provider to the User at the end of service provision.
- Support will be provided by the Service Provider experts to analyse and interpret the output data.
- Further analysis and advanced readouts can be provided on a collaborative or fee-for-service basis outside the scope of this Open Call.
- Users acknowledge that the Service Provider will have sole responsibility and freedom for allocating and scheduling usage of the services and equipment needed for User's experiment(s) and that the Service Provider may reallocate time or withdraw the offer of service provision for use of the facilities at their own discretion.

- 4.1 Costs:

The access to the INFRAPLUS Service Genetic Validation of Precision Disease Models is **free-of-charge**.

However, the **shipment of any required material** from the User to the Service Provider or vice versa **must be borne by the Users**.

Additional validations may be offered by the Service Provider to the Users **at cost**. These validations are at User's discretion.

5. Intellectual property:

- Each Party retains ownership of its own Background IP, including prior work, registered rights, know-how, software, and data. No rights to the other Party's Background IP are granted.
- Each Party grants the other a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use its Background IP solely for the experiment, without sublicensing.
- Foreground IP created solely by a Party's personnel is owned by that Party. The owner provides the other Party with a non-exclusive, royalty-free license to use it solely for the purposes of the experiment.
- Foreground IP created jointly by both Parties' personnel will be jointly owned. Ownership shares will reflect each Party's contribution, and a joint ownership agreement will be made. Both Parties may use the Joint IP non-exclusively and royalty-free for the experiment.
- A Joint IP license agreement must be agreed upon before seeking IP protection or any commercial use, in line with each Party's institutional rules and relevant laws.
- Before starting research, Users must disclose any known IP that could be infringed. If Third-Party IP is used, Users must ensure proper rights are in place.
- Where joint IP is generated, both Parties will agree on terms of exploitation and dissemination in accordance with their institutional policies and Horizon Europe Grant Agreement rules.

6. Dissemination of results:

Results will be disseminated by INFRAFRONTIER in the following ways:

- The selected User applications will be included in a **final project report to the EC** at the end of the project (31 May 2027).
- The **validation outcome can be made publicly available 12 months after their delivery to the User**. This can be extended by **an additional 6 months under justified circumstances**.
- For selected projects, **results of the service provision may be used for scientific publication by INFRAFRONTIER authors** and communicated to the originator of the mouse line. General service terms and conditions of the service providing node will apply.
- INFRAFRONTIER aims to preserve and manage Data according to the 'FAIR' principles, meaning that Data shall be Findable, Accessible, Interoperable and organised in Reusable datasets.

7. Acknowledgements:

By accepting these Terms and Conditions, the Users agree to acknowledge any support under this scheme in all resulting publications using the following statement:

'Part of this work has been funded by the European Union Research and Innovation programme Horizon Europe ([Grant agreement ID: 101131669](#)).'

INFRAFRONTIER ERIC and the participating Service Provider, which provided the service, should be specifically mentioned in any publication resulting from the service.

For the purpose of these Terms and Conditions, the obligations of acknowledgement referred to above shall be understood as applying to any formal dissemination of the results whether in hardcopy, electronic, web-based or other tangible forms. It includes refereed and non-refereed books and journals, webpages, conference presentations, data deposited in data banks, creative works, technical papers, press releases, etc.

8. Privacy policy:

All personal data provided in the application process will be processed in accordance with Regulation (EU) 2016/679 (GDPR) and relevant national legislation. Data will only be used for the purposes of evaluating and administering the Open Call and related services. For further details, please consult our [Data Privacy Policy](#).

9. Non-compliance:

INFRAFRONTIER retains the right to withdraw User's access to the Service Provider's facilities upon breach of any of the provisions of these Terms and Conditions, including non-compliance with any applicable internal policies, regulations of Service Provider's facilities or any reasonable instructions of INFRAFRONTIER.

10. Changes:

In the event that INFRAFRONTIER chooses to modify these Terms and Conditions, any such changes will be made available on the website, ensuring that Users always have access to the most current version. Users are expected to check this document from time to time to take notice of any changes: such changes are binding on you.